

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

November 21, 2016

Dear Families,

Last Friday evening I took great pleasure in seeing a different side to many Coolidge children at the Coolidge Variety Show. Who knew that one of our mild mannered fourth grade girls is also a skillful martial artist unafraid to make her mark in a crowd?! Or that we have two magicians among us? I was gratifying to see our students stepping forward, and touched to see how the children cheered each other on. Sponsored by the PTO and supported by PTO President and emcee Jenn Luke, students at all grade levels shared their passions and supported their peers. It was clear that many performers invested considerable effort in practicing routines.

Please help us to emphasize the importance of practice. Frankly, it's the most important life lesson - one that continues to help your children learn as they grow into new challenges. The idea that *effort* is the way to greatness, and that smart is not a given. Success is something that we gain through hard work. As a school we are pushing hard on effort in Math this year. In order to earn a gold medal in May students will need to demonstrate practice in both Reading AND Math.

Read here for more information about how *your* child can SHOW their Math efforts from our Instructional Coach, Erin Kendrick, below. There are lots of resources to support your child on our school web page as well.

Coolidge Math Incentive Program - *This year, we are launching a partner to our Reading Incentive Program called our Math Incentive Program. Students will be invited to track their home fact practice on a special recording sheet that will need to be signed and returned to their teacher. If a student returns 5 or more completed sheets by the spring, he or she will receive a medal at our year-end ceremony. Classroom teachers will count and track the sheets as they are passed in. If you need additional sheets, please let your child's teacher know. If you are looking for resources to support math fact practice at home, please visit <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/833337823309332481>*

Here is the recording sheet:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/documents/mathrecordingsheetk-4FINAL.pdf>

Sincerely,

Amy

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 21	4 th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	School Store
12/3	Kids Night Out – details below.
12/5-12/9	Gingerbread Shop (Details to come)
12/6	EARLY RELEASE DAY – Classes out at 12:15
12/16	School Store
12/16	Snowflake Festival
12/26-1/2	Winter Break

From the Office:

If you are sending an email or a note about an absence or lateness, please include your child's first and last name.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.



4th grade student council members gathering together the food donated by Coolidge School families for the St. Anne's Food Drive.

From the Nurse's Office: Physical Exams!

If your child is new to Shrewsbury or to Coolidge School we require a physical exam done during the current year or within 30 days after entry. If you have any questions check with the nurses office to see if a new physical is due. We ask parents then to provide a copy of the physical exam every 3 or 4 years.

4th grade parents please make appointments for a new physical exam for your child if one has not been done last year. They will need it before moving on to Sherwood Middle School.

If you are without insurance, St. Ann's Free Medical Clinic will perform a physical exam at no charge. They will also assist in applying to MA. Health, to obtain medical coverage. Their hours are every Tuesday 6-8PM at the Father Smith Center behind St. Ann's Church on Rt. 9 in Shrewsbury.

Katie Zimmermann RN, BSN, NCSN

COOLIDGE CLOTHING DRIVE

More From the Nurse

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month!!

There are nearly 26 million children and adults in America who have Type 1 Diabetes. As school community members, we are dedicated to the well being of our students and staff, and want to share with you a few of the warning signs/symptoms of Diabetes.

Some behaviors a child may exhibit at home or school that could indicate undiagnosed Diabetes:

- Frequent trips to the bathroom (especially in close sequence)
- Unquenchable thirst
- Irritability
- Unusual fatigue
- Weight loss; thin-appearing

Many of these symptoms may be related to illnesses that are not associated with Diabetes. Important factors to consider are:

- With Diabetes, there should never be a fever.
- Urinating at night or wetting the bed is an important sign to watch for and quick follow up is recommended.

Always contact your healthcare professional with any concerns as they can provide appropriate diagnostic tests and treatments.

For more information on Diabetes, log on to:

www.diabetes.org

www.jdrf.org

www.joslin.org

www.JBWfund.org

Kids' Night Out! Mark your Calendars for December 3rd

A fun night for kids hosted by Student Council! Part of Shrewsbury High School will be open to children ages 5-12 to play games, watch movies, do arts and crafts, grab dinner and more. SHS students are volunteering as "Big Brothers and Sisters" for the evening, running the event on December 3rd from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 per child with discounts for multi-child families. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will also be available for purchase. Adult supervision by SHS staff members and a licensed school nurse will be provided. Pre-register at: <http://tinyurl.com/SHSkidsnightout> Maximum capacity is 200 children. Registration at the door is available pending maximum capacity has not been reached. Entrance to the event will be at the Gym entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Registration/admittance will open at 5:45pm. Funds raised at KNO support Student Council and the Excelsior. Please contact Becky Moisan (rmoisan@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with questions.

Breakfast Available on 1/2 Days

Beginning **December 6, 2016**, Breakfast will be served on 1/2 days at Coolidge Elementary School, Oak and Sherwood Middle Schools and the High School. Lunch is not available on 1/2 days



Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26	New Teachers' Orientation
8/29	Opening Program for Staff
8/30	Students Return/Full Day
9/2	Professional Development/No School
9/5	Labor Day/No School

October

10/7	Professional Development/No School
10/10	Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8	Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
11/11	Veterans Day/No School
11/23 - 25	Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6	Professional Development/Early Release
12/26 - 12/30	December Vacation

January

1/2	New Year's Day (Observed)
1/16	M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7	Professional Development/Early Release
2/20	Presidents Day/No School
2/21 - 2/24	Winter Vacation

March

3/7	Professional Development/Early Release
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April

4/4	Professional Development/Early Release
4/17	Patriots Day/No School
4/18 - 21	Spring Vacation

May

5/2	Professional Development/Early Release
5/26	Last Day for Seniors
5/29	Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1	Graduation Day
6/12	Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
6/14	Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
1 snow day = 6/15 last day
2 snow days = 6/16 last day
3 snow days = 6/19 last day
4 snow days = 6/20 last day
5 snow days = 6/21 last day

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Variety Show- Thank you!
2. Gingerbread Shop Volunteers
3. Clothing Drive- Thank you!
4. Reading Incentive Program

1. Friday night was our big variety show performances! Thank you to all who participated and attended the variety show. It was a huge success!

2. We are looking for volunteers to help without annual tradition of the gingerbread shop. Please check out this link to the sign-up genius
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AE2DA0F85-gingerbread>

3. Coolidge School Clothing Drive - The families and friends of Coolidge School are amazing. Thanks so much to all who donated!

4. Reading Incentive Program - I am so happy to see many reading sheets being turned in and the students earning their stars and getting their tickets and prizes. There will be a drawing at the end of November and one lucky reader will win a prize. Keep up the great work and everyone of us will be Super Readers.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com